

## TOLD BY FOOTPRINTS.

Tragedies and Comedies of the Woods That May be Read by the Careful Observer.

One morning there lay upon the ground some 3 1/2 inches of newly fallen snow, and I went out early to see what my wild neighbors had been doing during the night. The first record I saw had been made by some crows, which had been walking about in my neighbor's yard. Each footprint looked like the track of some pigmy snowshoe, for the snow was too soft and too deep to show the individual toe marks. And I could see where each bird had stood at the moment he flew away, for the imprints of his primary feathers showed where he had struck the snow with his wings at the first downward stroke. In the next field there was a brook, and from a large hole near the bank, two muskrats had wandered to a group of apple trees, though I could not discover that they had found anything to eat. The tracks of the rats were not well defined, they did not show the well-known, bluish-metrical trail, the footprints on either side separated by a sharp line made by the tail. The little animals had plowed through the snow, leaving deep, irregular furrows in the form of loops, the ends of which ran into the burrow near the bank. In a few places the muskrats had plowed through without disturbing the surface, and at these points small tunnels had been made.

Not far away, the ice-bound brook joined an ice-bound lake, and to this I came. Close to the bank, I came upon the trail of a rink, so I followed that. It did not show the individual footprints, which may be seen after a mink has walked on light snow, nor was it a gutter, such as this animal makes when struggling on its short legs through very deep snow. It consisted of a succession of neat, squarish holes, occurring at regular intervals, and had been made by the mink while leaping along with stretched back, its hind feet coming down close to its front ones all four feet having had a share in the making of each hole. The trail followed the shore closely for perhaps a quarter of a mile, deviating here and there, where the animal had stopped to sniff at a mouse burrow in the bank, and then it struck across the lake, in a slightly wavy line. It led me up the opposite bank, through a narrow strip of woodland, across a country road, to another lake, where again it followed the shore.

Suddenly it ran into another trail of a very different character. The latter had been made by a rabbit, and the depressions in the snow were in groups of three, one small one behind, made by the fore paws coming down close together and the two large ones, one on either side, in front, made by the hind feet, which are thrown outside and beyond the front feet when a rabbit is going at any speed. Thereafter the two trails took the same direction, and often one of them covered the other. Over the rocks and between the trees they ran, toward a pile of brush which had been left by the lumbermen. And here the rabbit tracks ended, and beyond the brush pile, for a leap or two, the tracks of the mink were bloody. The spaces between them were shorter, too, for here the animal had been traveling on a full stomach.

On my way home I saw the tracks of a red squirrel, which were similar to the rabbit's, but smaller, extending from tree to tree in straight lines, forming all manner of geometric figures upon the ground. Here and there, there was a break in the line, showing where the squirrel had stopped to scratch for nuts hidden away in the fall, and in one place, a sprinkling of dark particles on the snow indicated the branch on which the little nutcracker had eaten his breakfast.

Between two tiny holes, one under a stone wall and the other beneath the roots of a tree, ran two distinct trails, showing where, for some purpose, a white-footed mouse had gone and returned. These trails were facsimiles of those of the red squirrel, excepting that the mouse, being so light, had not sunk deep enough to obliterate the delicate outlines of its toes. Yes, there was another difference, too, for here and there along the trails, between the footprints, there was a fine line, as though made with a pencil point, where the tail of the mouse had occasionally touched the snow.

And nearer home, I saw the tracks of two sparrows amongst the weed stalks in a meadow, and the round holes made by a cat which had been stalking the birds. But they had escaped unharmed, for pussy's tracks never reached theirs; doubtless they had flown away leaving her to pick her way home in disappointment.

ERNEST HAROLD BAYNES.

## Retail Clerks Regular Meeting.

The local lodge of retail clerks, No. 913, held a regular meeting on Monday night. The membership of the lodge was well represented. After routine business was transacted three petitions for membership were received. Since this union was organized in this city it has shown a steady increase in membership and much interest is manifested by the members. This organization inaugurated the early closing hours for the retail stores of the town which is a forward movement in keeping with the records being made for the emancipation of labor all over the country. The relations between the clerks and merchants is most amicable and but little trouble has been experienced by the two interests in arriving at a mutual understanding. Long hours for the clerks in a thing of the past and little inconvenience has been experienced by the patrons of the stores.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ike Nater on last Sunday, a daughter.

## OBITUARY

**STIMSON SMART**—Was born March 7th, 1843 and departed this life January 27, 1904, aged 60 years, 10 months and 20 days. He joined the Bible Christian church in 1883, living a life of good morals and always reverencing the cause of right. A few days before his death he said that all was well between him and his God. The deceased leaves a wife, nine children, 34 grand children to mourn the loss of a kind, affectionate husband and father, one infant daughter having preceded him to the spirit world. He also leaves a host of friends to mourn his departure. He enlisted in the war in '64 and served one hundred days. Mr. Smart was a gallant soldier. He seemed to have his country to heart and labored readily that victory might be won. He served his time and was honorably discharged in August, 1866. Funeral services at Ebenezer church conducted by Rev. E. T. Evans.

A precious one from us has gone, A voice we love is still, A place is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled.

God in His wisdom has recalled, The boon his love did give, And though the body moulders here, The soul is safe in heaven.

**CARD OF THANKS**—We desire to thank the neighbors for the kindness shown us in the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father, **MRS. S. SMART & CHILDREN.**

## COURT HOUSE NEWS

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.**  
D. D. Miller, 53 acres in Marion township; consideration \$5 and other consideration.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES.**  
Parke Cook, 37, Murray City; Hattie Sedwick, 33, Murray City. John Nixon, Justice peace.

**PROBATE COURT.**  
Sale bill returned and sworn by Albert Simcoe, administrator of the estate of John Namer, deceased on Monday, January 25.

On January 28, deed acknowledged from D. D. Miller to Daniel Reedy. This highly was appointed guardian of Clarence S. Higley. Bond ordered, filed and letters issued.

Application for release of surety bond was made on January 30, by Sadiou vs. John Henderson heard. Order for release and new bond issued.

January 30th application for release from bond Hiram S. Brown vs. J. O. Henderson, guardian of C. L. Wood, an insane person heard. Order for release and new bond to be filed within five days. Notice returned and service had.

January 30 application for letters of guardianship for Clarence Higley at heard, appointment ordered and bond filed and approved. Letters issued to W. R. Higley as guardian. Motion was filed on January 30 by Tecumseh Floyd, guardian of Mary Floyd. Matter to be submitted to court, on agreement of counsel, by briefs.

Hearing of the matter of petition to sell real estate of Rose E. Apin, guardian. Appraisal issued. James Loomis, W. E. Shaw and Barna Moore, appraisers.

Hamilton Green, minor of Floodwood, was before Judge Martin to secure license to wed Nora B. Dunkey. Consent of Green's parents was necessary before the license could be issued. Communication was had with the elder Green by telephone.

**MORTGAGES.**  
For the month of January mortgages were given in Hocking county in the sum of \$4385.00. Cancellations were made during the same period in the sum of \$4747.95. Cancellations almost equal mortgages given by a sum of less than one hundred dollars.

**Installation at Rebekah Lodge.**  
The following officers of Queen Vashit Rebekah lodge No. 533 were duly installed by D. G. M. Alice Miles on Friday evening:

N. G., Esther Steel; V. G., Katharine Braddock; recording secretary, Mary Barnes; financial secretary, Gertrude Martin; Treasurer, Laura Thurness; R. S. N. G., Mary McManigal; L. S. N. G., Malinda Magie; Warden, Odabelle Burberry; Conductress, Idella Larimer; O. G., Ella Lemon; I. G., Katharine Walker; Chaplain, Elizabeth Wyman; R. S. V. G., Nora Whalen; L. S. V. G., Anna Keller; Pianist, Francis McCormick; Assistant Pianist, Lulu Williams; Trustee, Anna Bowers.

**Fun for Winter Evenings.**  
At the risk of hearing some one say, "Give us something new," a few old games are offered, to help brighten these long winter evenings. First, there is the game known as "A Bright Idea."

One of the company leaves the room, while the others choose some object, which must be in the room, and which is the base of the "bright ideas." For instance: The company having chosen a white door knob, John comes back into the room and is greeted with:

"O, John, I have a bright idea."

"What is it?" says John.

"It is like you."

"Why is it like you?" John asks.

"Because it is highly polished."

John looks bewildered, but some one else soon calls out, "I have a bright idea."

"What is it?" John asks, again.

"It is like you."

"Why is it like me?"

"Because it is something to adore."

(A door.)

And so the firing goes on, John puzzling his poor brain for a clue, and the whole company bombarding him with "bright ideas," according to the keenness of their wit. When some one gives a hint so broad that John guesses the object that is being used, the luckless helper becomes the new guesser.

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## WORDS WITHOUT RHYME.

Some Difficulties the Poets Cannot Overcome.

In a well known musical comedy the kindly poet of a mythical state makes a frantic demand on his subjects for a rhyme with sarsaparilla. The question calls to mind the surprisingly few words there are in the comparatively harsh English tongue, with its plethora of consonants, for which there are no rhyming equivalents. Sarsaparilla, as a manufactured name, is hardly a fair example, but there are said to be only three familiar words of everyday speech which loom up ferociously before the student of the metrical possibilities. They are silver, month and carpet. Of these silver alone remains absolutely unassailable, for Swinburne has in one of his poems a word of Greek derivation which may be said at a pinch to rhyme with month, and W. S. Gilbert of "Pinafore" and "Hakado" fame has in the "Bab Ballad" ingeniously conquered carpet as follows:

One day that Turk he sickened sore,  
Which threw him straight into a sharp  
Me threw himself upon the floor  
And rolled about his carpet.

The same author has also established a record in "Patience" for rhyming unfamiliar words that look extremely formidable to the novice. The verse runs:

When from the poet's plinth  
The anemone cabochon, etc.,  
which, although it is very beautiful, is hardly intelligible.

But silver is still obstinate, and the young Muesen who ends his first line with that fatal word had better stick to blank verse—Philadelphia Record.

The Next Step.  
Since our little Willie began to study "Caesar" he can say "Omnia Gallia" without any prompting in the world.

As he bends his curly head over his studies we watch him with fond affection. Suddenly he turns to us with the bright smile that we are thinking of having patented.

"Mother," he asks, "isn't Latin one of the dead languages?"

"Yes, dear," we reply, trembling with anticipation.

"Then I wish they would bury it," says the darling as he upsets the ink bottle.

And yet there are people who say children haven't souls—Judge.

A Strong Point.  
Agent (showing Mrs. Starven through the new house)—The house is a most desirable site for a boarding house. Of course the windows may seem to you rather narrow, but—

Mrs. Starven—That's what attracted me. I'm sure the average trunk is too wide to go through any of those bedroom windows—Philadelphia Press.

Trouble For Henry.  
The said Mrs. Homcock, "that a Chicago man refused to give his wife up after she had secured a divorce from him."

"Well, well," he answered, for the moment forgetting himself, "I thought a woman couldn't get a divorce from a crazy man."—Exchange.

Woman and Business.  
Cashier—Madam, you can give us your notes for the amount you owe us. Madam—Of course, but I tell you right now I never shall be able to pay them.—Detroit Free Press.

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Arrive at Athens		10:40	6:25
Arrive at Jackson		11:50	7:35
Arrive at Williams		12:00	7:45
Arrive at Middletown		12:10	7:55
Arrive at Portsmouth		12:20	8:05
Leave for Strasburg		12:30	8:15
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No. 31, daily except Sunday.		1:25 p. m.
No. 20, daily except Sunday.		7:25 p. m.
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